GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
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MERGER OF JOB ORIENTED SCHEMES WITH POVERTY ALLEVIATION SCHEME
NAGMANI

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have assessed the factors responsible for the failure of poverty alleviation and job-oriented schemes with a view to ensure effective implementation;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) the remedial steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government are contemplating to merge job-oriented schemes with poverty alleviation schemes and to increase financial allocation for the purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which the modified programme is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a to c): The Mid Term Appraisal of the Ninth Five Year Plan had reviewed the major anti poverty programmes which are designed to generate self and wage employment opportunities for the poor in the rural and urban areas of the country. In addition, for formulating the Tenth Five Year Plan various steering committees and working groups were set up to review the poverty alleviation programmes and to suggest ways for improving the efficacy of the programmes. The Tenth Five Year Plan which is presently under preparation would outline the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard.

(d and e): The programme of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) was launched recently (25.9.2001) with the objective of providing additional wage employment in rural areas as also food security and creation of durable assets and rural infrastructure. The schemes of Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) have been merged under this scheme with effect from 1.4.2002. The SGRY is open to all rural poor in need of wage employment with wages being paid partly in cash and partly in the form of foodgrains. A Central outlay of Rs.5040.00 crore has been provided for the scheme during the Annual Plan 2002-03.